



# Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Reporting Form

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1a	Is your agency adopting a single agency ordinance OR a regional agency alliance ordinance?	Single Agency Ordinance ▼
1b	Date of adoption OR anticipated adoption:	11/17/2015
2a	Reporting period:	
2b	December 1, 2015 through December 28, 2015 (all agencies)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
2c	February 1, 2016 through February 28, 2016 (additional reporting period for agencies crafting regional ordinances with other agencies)	<input type="radio"/>
3a	Are you using:	a locally modified Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO) ▼
3b	For agencies who have adopted a modified WELO	
3c	Is it at least as efficient as MWELO?	Yes ▼
3d	URL for your WELO	<a href="http://qcode.us/codes/lacanadaflintridge/view.php?topic=4-4_23&amp;showAll=1&amp;frames=on">http://qcode.us/codes/lacanadaflintridge/view.php?topic=4-4_23&amp;showAll=1&amp;frames=on</a>
3e	List major changes from the State's MWELO	The City of La Canada does not have any landscape architects or individuals that are trained in reviewing landscape and irrigation plans on staff. The City allows property owners or developers to hire an independent licensed landscape architect to certify that the submitted plans comply with the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. The independent landscape architect can not be the same person who prepared the landscape plan.
3f	If specific types of projects are exempt (other than those already specified in MWELO), state what they are and the sections of the ordinance that they are exempt from.	N/A. The project exemptions are the same as in MWELO.
3g	Have elements from other regulations been incorporated (e.g., tree shading percent coverage requirement, stormwater capture requirements).	No ▼
3h	If yes, describe:	
4	If other agencies are implementing the ordinance, explain their role:	N/A



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5	Permitted projects subject to the ordinance during the reporting period (*e.g., single family residences, commercial projects, landscape retrofits for which permits were finalized during the reporting period, etc.):	0
6a	Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:	-
6b	Unit of Measure (sq. ft. or acres)	▼
7a	During the reporting period, how many of the following types of projects did your agency issue final permits on:	
7b	new housing starts	-
7c	new commercial projects	-
7d	landscape retrofits	-
8	Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:	Prior to the submittal of project plans to Building and Safety, Planning Department staff review projects for zoning code conformity, which includes determining if the project meets/exceeds the threshold that would require it to comply to the WELO. If the project is captured by the WELO threshold, the applicant is instructed to prepare a WELO compliant landscape plan and certification. Building Permits will not be issued unless the WELO compliant landscape plan is approved. Prior to project's final inspection and sign off, a licensed landscape architect would have to submit a certification that the landscaping and irrigation were installed in accordance to the approved plans.
9a	Describe actions taken to verify compliance:	
9b	Is a plan check performed?	Yes ▼
9c	If so, by what entity?	City Staff
10	Describe implementation and enforcement measures:	Prior to the submittal of project plans to Building and Safety, Planning Department staff review projects for zoning code conformity, which includes determining if the project meets/exceeds the threshold that would require it to comply to the WELO. If the project is captured by the WELO threshold, the applicant is instructed to prepare a WELO compliant landscape plan and certification. Building Permits will not be issued unless the WELO compliant landscape plan is approved. Prior to project's final inspection and sign off, a licensed landscape architect would have to submit a certification that the landscaping and irrigation were installed in accordance to the approved plans. The project will not receive final sign-off until all landscaping and irrigation are installed accordingly. After installation and building permit final sign-off, if the landscaping is changed, the City's Code Enforcement Officer will open a case. The property owner will be cited and/or prosecuted if voluntary compliance is not achieved in a timely manner.
11	Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:	Since the City does not have staff who are qualified and trained to review landscape and irrigation plans required by WELO, the City is relying that licensed landscape architects providing the certification is trained and knowledgeable regarding the required calculations.



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12	<b>Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:</b>	There is a need for the State to require or provide a certification course/class so that professionals who are trained in MWELD landscape/irrigation design could easily be identified.
13	<b>Additional Comments:</b>	

Please submit reports, including a copy of your local water efficient landscape ordinance, via email to [WELO@water.ca.gov](mailto:WELO@water.ca.gov) by December 31, 2015. Agencies preparing a regional ordinance must submit an additional report by March 1, 2016. For questions, please call Ms. Julie Saare-Edmonds at (916) 651-9676.